

The Gospel in a Nutshell

A Study on Romans One Verses 2-6

• **Romans 1:2-6**

The gospel in a nut shell:

Paul's nutshell of the gospel is found in verses 3-5. We will be unpacking these verses in this study. I hope you will be blessed as I was in looking deeper into this nut shell.

Romans 1:2 (Which He had promised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,) 3) Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: 5) By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for His name: 6) Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

The gospel promised afore:

The same gospel was preached in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament.

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

1Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; 3) Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Christ made of the seed of David according to the flesh:

We need to ask ourselves what is the significance of knowing that Christ was made of the seed of David. What does this have to do with the gospel? First of all, God is immortal and cannot not die, therefore Christ had to take on flesh in order to taste death for every man.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Secondly, not only did He taste death for every man, His life, death, resurrection and His resurrected life is a promise that He will also sanctify us, delivering us from sin and leading us unto glory, a new character.

Hebrews 2:10 For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11) For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Jude 24 Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25) To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

1John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Hebrews continues to say Christ took on the seed of Abraham. Both David and Abraham were the descendants of Adam after he sinned and therefore they inherited a sinful nature.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16) For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham.

The third reason Christ took on flesh was that He might destroy the devil which had the power of death. What is the power of death? Sin.

1Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The fourth reason Christ partook of flesh and blood is to deliver us from the fear of eternal death because He tasted death for every man. If we accept that sacrificial gift and allow Him to sanctify us, we can have the assurance of salvation.

The fifth reason Christ took on flesh was that we might know that He experienced our suffering and can relate to us and to give us hope that we too might overcome temptation through the grace of God as He did.

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18) For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like

as we are, yet without sin. 16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Antichrist Teaches Christ Came Not in The Flesh:

1John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

What does come in the flesh mean. It has to mean more than the fact that Christ was born of a woman and lived 33 and 1/2 years on this earth. The whole world acknowledges that, after all it is 2025 years from His birth. It must have a deeper meaning if it is said that it is antichrist who denies that Christ came in the flesh.

This teaching is one of which Peter warned against wresting to our own destruction. We can conclude that if Christ came not in the likeness of our sinful flesh, then He was not tempted such as we are, but overcame temptation by His divine power. Therefore He could not be an example for us of our ability through the grace of God to also overcome temptation. This thinking leads to disastrous consequences. If we don't believe that we too can overcome by the power of God working in us, we shall not pray for it, and the scripture tells us,

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

The Scriptures also tell us that God cannot be tempted with evil, and yet Christ was tempted in all points, and even more than we. He took on human nature that He could be tempted and show how we can follow our captain in His steps who knew no sin.

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man:

1Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: 22) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:

The heresy that Christ did not come in the flesh leads to the misunderstanding that the righteousness of the law cannot be fulfilled in us. Paul teaches that the law will be fulfilled **in us** but not **by us**! It is by the power of grace that this is and will be fulfilled in us.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel [grace] of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

The truth that Christ partook of human nature is critically important if we are to understand that we can become partakers of the divine nature.

2Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Declared to be the Son of God with power:

Christ has the power to save us from sin because He overcame sin in the likeness of our sinful flesh being tempted in all points, yet without sin. And why does He have the power to save us from sin? Because He had the spirit of holiness.

According to the spirit of holiness:

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

1John 3:5 And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

By the resurrection from the dead:

Christ's resurrection proves that it was according to the spirit of holiness found in Him that gave Him power to save us from sin. Not only did He save us from the penalty for our sin, He is able to save us from the power of sin. When we are glorified He will save us from the presence of sin. Hallelujah! We shall be saved by His death, resurrection and His life.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8) But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9) Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Had Christ sinned, He could not have been our sacrifice, He would have needed a saviour Himself. If that were the case, we are yet in our sins and destined to die.

1Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

2Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Ephesians 5:27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

We are saved by the hope that because of Christ's resurrection, we too can be resurrected unto eternal life.

1Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21) For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Corinthians 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17) And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18) Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25) But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

1Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

By whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations:

1Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Isaiah 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am He: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

For His name:

Isaiah 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Psalms 23:3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Psalms 106:8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known.

Psalms 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Isaiah 60:21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

2Thessalonians 1:12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

1 Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11) Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11) According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Colossians 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell; 20) And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Nahum 1:9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

Romans 8:29 For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30) Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.

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